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Mr. David E. Jarvis

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

I would like to acknowledge on behalf of the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, the copy of your letter of October 3 to Mr. Ralph E. Casey.

If the "Maritime Reporter" of September 15 is quoting Mr. Casey accurately then his estimate of the growth of the Russian merchant fleet in 1959 does seem unusually high. We do not know, however, if Mr. Casey's estimate includes such categories as maritime tugs, vessels for the fishing fleet and other small vessels. Our estimation of the net additions in 1959 of maritime vessels of 1,000 GRT or over would be of the magnitude indicated by you to Mr. Casey.

You will be interested in knowing that although the Russians are currently building whaling factory ships of around 45,000 tons displacement, they are not being built in Leningrad. The ship observed by [] was a member of the Polin class which has a displacement of 40,000 tons and a capacity of 30,460 deadweight tons.

Sincerely,

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Acting Assistant Director

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